

## ABSTRACT

A method in a computing environment for determining the work for one or more patients is provided. The method includes obtaining data for one or more patients directly from the primary clinical information system and utilizing the data to calculate work for the one or more patients. A method in a computing environment for determining the work for a population of patients is provided. The method comprises utilizing data obtained directly from the primary clinical information system to calculate a work score for each patient in a patient population and calculating staffing needs for the population based on the work scores obtained for the patients in the patient population.